

Quilt Harvest Day to take place at Blue Ball Barn outside Wilmington, Del. on Oct. 19, 2013



The Delaware Quilt Documentation Project will hold a Quilt Harvest Day on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the [Blue Ball Barn](#) located in Alapocas Run State Park, 1914 W. Park Drive, in Wilmington, Del.

The project is designed to record the rich tradition of quilt-making in the state of Delaware and to help preserve its legacy for future generations. Owners of quilts made before 1950 are encouraged to bring their quilts to this informative documentation process which involves photographing each quilt, recording its physical characteristics and gathering historical information about the quilt and/or the quilt-maker. Admission to the session is free and there is no cost for the documentation of quilts made in Delaware. Walk-ins are welcome, but an appointment is recommended to guarantee that a particular quilt is included in the documentation process. A donation is requested for the documentation of quilts without a Delaware provenance.

After the documentation process has been completed, data related to Delaware-made quilts will be compiled and analyzed, and a book featuring the most representative and historically important quilts will be developed. The project plans to mount a traveling exhibition of selected quilts which will be

displayed in each of Delaware's three counties.

The [Delaware Quilt Documentation Project](#) is a collaborative effort between the [Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs](#) and the University of Delaware. Information about Delaware quilts will be submitted to [The Quilt Index](#), a national data base maintained by [The Alliance for American Quilts](#). The project is supported, in part, by grants from the Delaware Humanities Forum and the National Quilting Association, as well as individual contributions. For additional information contact the project co-coordinators Ann Baker Horsey of the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs at 302-739-6402 or Dr. Fran Mayhew of the University of Delaware at 302-368-8423. To make an appointment, call Dr. Mayhew.

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